Civil Parking Enforcement Observation Periods – Worthing Borough

When a vehicle is parked in contravention of the regulations, and depending upon the type of restriction, the Civil Enforcement Officer will observe the vehicle for a certain period of time before issuing a Penalty Charge Notice.

An observation period is primarily designed to ensure that the vehicle is not engaged in an exempt activity, such as loading or unloading.

The observation times are summarised in the table below, which, for ease of reference, also contains grace periods:

Type of Restriction	Observation Period
Waiting restrictions	
Active Single yellow line	5 minutes — car or van
Double yellow line	5 minutes — car or van
Loading restrictions	
Active loading restriction	Nil
Other restrictions	
Parked on zigzags	Nil
Bus stop clearway	Nil
Pedestrian Zone	Nil
Taxi Bay	Nil
Misuse disabled badge	Nil
Parking places – car parks	
Car Parks – Pay and display only No initial payment	5 minutes for no pay & display ticket.
Car Parks – Pay and display only Expiry of time	10 minutes grace after expiry of time limit
Car Parks – Obstruction	Nil
Car Parks – Resident/permit, disabled bays or specified vehicles	Nil
Parking places – on-street	
Shared use bay – no initial payment	5 minutes
Residents bay	5 minutes
Free bay	10 minutes grace after expiry of time limit
Loading bays	5 minutes – car 10 minutes – van/lorry
Pay and display (P&D) bay – no initial payment	5 minutes
P&D bay (feeding contravention)	Nil

P&D bay (returning within the no return period)	Nil
P&D bay (expiry of time)	10 minutes grace period after expiry time of P&D ticket. Nil observation period after that time.
Suspended bays	Nil
Incorrect class of vehicle	Nil
Outside bay markings	Nil

NB. If active loading is witnessed during the observation period (in a location where loading is permitted) then up to 30 minutes should be allowed or longer if necessary.